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## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

METHOD FOR DEFINING A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AN  
ACCOUNT AND A GROUP

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Accounts corresponding to different products are linked together to  
create a group so that group processing can be performed at the group  
level while independent processing of the accounts is performed at the  
account level. The relationship between a dependent account and the  
15   group is specified by a dependent strategy. A dependent strategy  
specifies group level processing options for the account. The  
relationships between the accounts and the group are flexible to  
accommodate changes in the status of the group cardholders.

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